

SPEAKERS PROCLAIM
NEEDS OF A NATION

Notables at Banquet of the
University Club.

DINERS CHEER JAPAN

Eloquence of Orators Mingles
with the College Yells.

Songs of Old Student Days Sung
with a Vim, and Men of Interna-
tional Prominence, Including Two
Ambassadors, Presidential Can-
didate, Justice of Supreme Court,
and Others Respond to Toasts.

National politics, the peace bond be-
tween the United States and Japan, leg-
islative and ethical needs of the nation,
and many other topics of public interest
were given a hearing between college
yells and songs at the fourth annual ban-
quet of the University Club of Washing-
ton last night at the Raleigh Hotel.

Surrounded by the flags and pennants
of a half-hundred universities and col-
leges, fully 500 members of the club and
their guests sat about the flower-decked
tables, and sang the old songs of their
student days and the latest ditties of to-
day, between eloquent speeches by na-
tional leaders in nearly every walk of
life.

That the list of speakers should in-
clude two ambassadors from great na-
tions, a Presidential candidate, a justice
of the Supreme Court of the land, gen-
erals in the army, prominent Representa-
tives in Congress, a clergyman of dis-
tinction, and a noted author, is sufficient
in itself to prove that more than ordi-
nary interest would be taken in what was
to be said.

Tribute to Taft.

There was the tribute to Secretary Taft,
toastmaster of the occasion, paid by Jus-
tice Brewer, who appeared for the first
time in public as "for Taft" in the Presi-
dential race.

There was the sudden appearance
late in the evening, of a little, brown-
faced man, decorated with imperial hon-
ors, cheered at his entrance, and cheered
again as he thanked the assemblage for
the reception given him. It was Ambas-
sador Takahira. He expressed the good
wishes and friendly sentiment of the
Island Kingdom from which he comes as
ambassador.

There was the response by the genial
Mr. Taft in reiteration of his belief that
all talk of war with Japan is folly and
worse.

There was a strong appeal to the return
to the simple democratic faith of Wash-
ington and Jefferson by President Alder-
man of the University of Virginia.

There were speeches on peace, and
speeches on the preparation for war;
speeches on college athletics and spirit
and speeches for the sake of
speeches, these last being impromptu, re-
called for by the toastmaster, and deliv-
ered for the most part, out of sheer good
nature and the desire to impart to fellow-
members sound ideas that would stay
put.

Old College Days.

And through all the spirit of the "good
old college days" found earnest, if some-
what inharmonious expression, in "rah,
rah, rah" of reminiscence, and in the good
fellowship that exists whenever a crowd
of college men get together, whether in
a banquet hall, in the card room of a
trans-Atlantic liner, or the tradesroom of
some sun-scorched hut on a fever ridden
African coast.

The banquet hall was a riotous mass
of color. Behind the center of the guest
table hung the shield of the United States
draped with flags, and with the special
flag of the Secretary of War flying above
it. To the right of the shield and behind
the Secretary was a huge Yale banner,
and on the other side a large Virginia
flag of blue and yellow.

Princeton, Harvard, Pennsylvania,
Georgetown, George Washington, and
practically all the universities and col-
leges in the country were represented by
flags and pennants. Complimentary to the
dean of the diplomatic corps, a brilliant
flag of Italy was suspended across the
musicians' gallery.

The ends of the hall were decorated
with great American flags. Large clus-
ters of daffodils and roses garnished the
guest tables, and vases of carnations de-
corated the tables of the main body of
diners.

There was no mistaking the gathering
from the moment the first group got
together in the afternoon before the ban-
quet room doors were opened. With
heads close together, knots of the young-
er members of the club started at once
upon the "close harmony" renditions of
the latest popular songs.

The singing continued with scarcely an
intermission throughout the evening, ex-
cept during the speeches. George O'Con-
nor, noted locally for his "coon song"
ability, was called upon again and again
from groups in various parts of the hall,
and the entire assemblage, apparently,
joined in the chorus of most of the songs.
The usual book of words was provided.

Taft Gets an Ovation.

The musical commotion was at its height
when the President of the club, Charles
D. Walcott, stepped forward, and intro-
duced the toastmaster, Mr. Taft. As the
two exchanged places, the assembled col-
lege men, old and young, rose to their
feet, and gave the banking Secretary of
War an ovation that lasted half a min-
ute. Cheer upon cheer, and a waving of
napkins greeted the Secretary. A loud
electric "buzz" had been rigged for
use, instead of a gavel, and Mr. Taft
put his finger on the button and held
it there until the noise subsided. He still
had to wait for the "ehorists" to sing
a parody on "Tammammy," the catch line
of which was "Taft for me."

Mr. Taft complimented the club on the
increased enthusiasm that has been shown
at each successive banquet. He paid a
tribute to university men, saying:
"I can't help thinking as I look about
me, that if I wanted to find a body of
young men who are in the spirit of doing

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Everybody Comes to Us for Lumber.
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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia
and Virginia—Fair; colder to-
day; to-morrow, fair; fresh
northwest to north winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

- PAGES. TELEGRAPHIC.
1—Gould Railroad in Receivership.
1—Priest Slayer Claims Mistake.
1—Evelyn Thaw Said to Fear Husband.
1—Troops After Night Riders.
2—Missouri to Indorse Taft To-day.
2—Hughes Man Calls Bryan, Guide.
2—Richest Widow Is Married.
7—Six Middles to be Expelled.

LOCAL.

- 1—University Club Holds Banquet.
1—Politics Lively in the Capital.
2—Macfarland Addresses Citizens.
12—Gen. Coxy in the Capital.
12—Justice Harlan Gives Warning.
12—Gen. Saxton Buried in Arlington.
12—Secretary Meller Gives Up Place.
12—Secretary Weller Gives Up Place.

OUTLAWS GET FRANCHISE.

Local Club in Union League In-
corporated in Delaware.

That Washington will have a team in
the outlaw league was assured last night
when the Washington franchise was ac-
cepted and the club incorporated at
Dover, under the laws of Delaware.
Washington was admitted to the circuit
and Newark dropped.

This action on the part of the new
league starts competition with the Ameri-
can League for patronage. What effect
this will have upon the attendance of the
major league is not known, but the
fact that Newark, a good ball town, and
without a major league team, was
dropped for the Capital City, leaves the
impression that Washington, for its size,
is one of the best paying baseball centers
in the country.

The site for the new team's baseball
park has not been decided upon. The
owners of the franchise have three op-
tions and will probably make known their
choice in a few days.

RUNAWAY WIFE RETURNS.

Husband Wires to Chicago and
Spouse Agrees to Return.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Stylishly gowned
and jaunty at Mrs. Madeline Le Boynton,
of New York City, stepped from the
Lake Shore Limited train at Thirty-first
street into the custody of detectives.
Capt. McCann had received a communi-
cation from Frederick Le Boynton, the
woman's husband, saying that she had
run away, and he believed that Chicago
was her destination.
After an argument Mrs. Le Boynton
consented to return to her husband, who,
she said, has a lucrative position in the
home office of the New York Life In-
surance Company. She would not discuss
her separation or the motives which
prompted the husband to seek her return
through the agency of the police.

GOULD LINE IS SEIZED

Texas Court Names Receiver
for Big System.

Ordered by State Commission to
Spend \$2,000,000 for Improvements.
Inability to Raise that Much Money
for Immediate Use Results in Ac-
tion—System Heavily Bonded.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 26.—The International
and Great Northern Railroad system in
Texas was put in the hands of a receiver
by Judge McCormick, in the United States
Circuit Court at Fort Worth this after-
noon. N. T. Freeman, general attorney
for the Gould Southwestern system, was
made receiver.

To-day's action on the part of the
owners of the International and Great
Northern, it is said, was caused by the
Texas railroad commission ordering \$2-
000,000 to be spent on betterments. So
much money could not be raised for im-
mediate use.

The receiver is an officer of the general
court, and as such will administer the
affairs of the road.

Controlled by Goulds.

The railroad is controlled by Gould in-
terests, and George J. Gould is president.
Its capital stock authorized is \$25,000,000,
of which \$9,750,000 is outstanding. Its
bonded debt is \$24,846,000. The total mil-
lage operated on June 30, 1906, was 1,139.5.

The International and Great Western
was incorporated in 1871 as a consolidation
of the Houston and Great Northern. Of the
bonded debt, \$11,231,000 is first gold 4s,
dated Nov. 1, 1875, and due Nov. 1, 1919.
They are covered by a first lien on the
entire mileage owned in fee and on the
proportionate interest in the smaller lines.

The Bowling Green Trust Company is
trustee for the issue.

Second Gold Five.

There is \$10,321,000 in second gold 5s
dated June 1, 1881, and due September 1,
1909. A second lien on the same property
is the protection. The Farmers' Loan and
Trust Company is trustee.

There are \$2,560,500 of third gold 4s
dated May 1, 1892, due September 1, 1921.
The security is a third lien on the prop-
erty. The Mercantile Trust Company is
trustee.

In addition there are \$108,000 in Colorado
Bridge Sinking Fund gold 7s, \$176,000 in
equipment 5s, series A, and \$226,000 in
equipment 5s, series B.

LAUNDRY MARKER POISONED.

Moistens Indelible Pencil with Iker
Tongue—Dying as Result.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 26.—Miss
Mayme Shales, of Plainsville, near
here, is dying from the effects of poi-
soning by an indelible lead pencil.

She was a clerk in a laundry and had
to mark articles with the pencil. To do
this she moistened it continually with
her lips, and a couple of days ago was
taken sick and the physicians say she
has been poisoned. To-day they had
but little hope for her recovery.

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ROOSEVELT OR BRYAN

Belief Grows that One or
Other Will Be Elected.

REPUBLICANS SCENT DANGER

Taft Still Leads, but His Candidacy
Lacks Popular Strength—Majority
of Congressmen Favor Renominat-
ing the President Because of His
Vote-getting Ability with Masses.

William Howard Taft against the field.
This is the Republican Presidential situa-
tion.

William Jennings Bryan without or-
ganized opposition. This is the Demo-
cratic Presidential situation.

The choice of the Chicago convention is
problematical; that of the Denver con-
vention a foregone conclusion.

With all the existing uncertainty as to
the Republican standard bearer, and with
Taft admittedly in the lead in the pre-
liminary contest, the observation most
commonly heard in political quarters is
that the next President will be Theo-
dore Roosevelt or William Jennings
Bryan. Doubt of the ability of any Re-
publican other than Roosevelt to se-
cure a majority in the electoral college is
generally entertained.

Bryan Expects to Win.

Bryan, by indorsing this administration's
policies, has staked his political all upon
his conviction that Roosevelt, adhering to
his declaration of 1904—reiterated three
months ago—will under no condition allow
the nomination to be forced upon him.
Bryan himself expects to be the next
President.

Most Republicans are of the opinion
that Roosevelt would command a larger
following than any other man and that
his renomination would be equivalent to
his triumphant re-election. A minority
element in the party believe that if he
should be chosen at Chicago and accept
the nomination, overwhelming and humi-
liating defeat would come to him in
November. They hold that the masses
would adjudge him guilty of breaking a
solemn pledge, and that this, coupled
with a widespread anti-third-term sen-
timent, would assuredly result in party
disaster.

New York a Doubtful State.

Can Taft be nominated at Chicago
without the support of New York and
Pennsylvania? This is possible, but not
probable. Can these States be brought
into line for him in convention? The
assertion is freely made in Washington
that these great States will resist his
nomination to the end. New Yorkers say
that Taft cannot carry the Empire State.
Gen. Stewart L. Woodford is the latest
eminent Republican to voice this con-
viction, and he voices it in no spirit
of personal antagonism to Taft, who is
his friend. He says that powerful in-
terests in the great metropolis favor
Taft's nomination, but nevertheless, his
nomination would cost the Republican
party the electoral vote of New York
State. Gen. Woodford goes further than
this. He asserts that there is but one
Republican—Gov. Charles E. Hughes—
who can this year carry the State. He,
of course, eliminates Roosevelt from the
equation.

Hughes' candidacy, in the judgment
of party men, is not growing. He is ap-
parently less potent as a national politi-
cal factor than he was sixty days ago.
He is neither a radical nor a reactionary,
and herein, apparently, lies his weak-
ness. His candidacy does not commend
itself to the conservatives of the East or
to the ardent Roosevelt Republicans of
the West.

While Taft leads in the number of in-
structed delegates and is undoubtedly
gaining ground from day to day, many
Republicans who now expect him to be
nominated are commenting upon the lack
of popular strength in his candidacy. He

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EVELYN IN FEAR OF THAW.

Rumor Has It Young Wife Was
Berated by Husband.

New York, Feb. 26.—Conflicting rumors
were in circulation to-day as to the plans
of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. It was
said that she had closed up her home,
and intended moving to Matteawan. Mrs.
Thaw was at home this afternoon, but
refused to talk. There was a large pack-
ing box in the hall and numerous boxes.
According to advisers from Matteawan,
Mrs. Thaw declared after she visited her
husband the last time, thirteen days ago,
that she was afraid of him. It is said
that a person connected with the insane
hospital overheard Harry K. Thaw up-
braid his wife, and concluded with the
ejaculation: "Get out of here and don't
come back!"
It is said that this is what caused Mrs.
Thaw to express fear of her husband.

DOG'S BONE IN BOY'S ARM.

Indiana Boy Undergoes Unusual
Operation—Successful.

Oakton, Ind., Feb. 26.—Vernon
Wolfe, a boy of fourteen, underwent an
unusual operation here to-day.

The bone of his forearm, which had
been diseased, was removed and the
bone from the leg of a St. Bernard dog
was substituted. The dog was chloro-
formed in an adjoining room and the
bone was taken from the lad's arm
and the dog's bone quickly substituted.

The boy will have perfect use of his
arm.

BANQUET GIVEN BY ALUMNI.

Washington-Mount St. Mary's As-
sociation at Dinner.

The Washington-Mount St. Mary's
Alumni Association gave a banquet at
the National Hotel Tuesday night. Col-
lege songs were sung and reminiscences
exchanged. Those present were:

Dr. D. F. Flynn, president Mount St.
Mary's College; Rev. Fathers Lee, Rosen-
stock, Howard, Costello, and Kennedy;
Messrs. D. W. Baker, F. M. Ward, J. F.
Smith, W. J. Tharp, R. A. Curtin, P. N.
Atkins, E. C. Welsh, P. V. Dolan, V. B.
Hillyard, C. L. Ferry, Dr. Wilkinson, J.
T. Moffett, E. J. Fisher, E. V. Baugh-
man, C. P. Donohue, J. J. Curtin, Joseph
Richards, Dr. J. E. Smith, William Shaw,
L. C. May, J. C. Moran, L. T. Ergood,
A. H. Baker, and L. F. Stock.

The committee in charge were: F. M.
Ward, George J. May, Richard C. Furtch,
Walter Tharp, and Leo F. Stock.

GIVES AWAY \$1,000,000.

Mrs. Penfield Remembers Ktn, but
Cuts Off Sister-in-law.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 26.—Through her
attorney, Hampton L. Carson, Mrs. Anne
M. Weightman Walker, who became Mrs.
Penfield in New York to-day, made pub-
lic a series of gifts to her relatives.
Her nephew and five nieces got \$500,000,
four great-nieces and great-nephews got
\$200,000, and charities got \$300,000.

Mrs. Jones Wister, Mrs. Penfield's sis-
ter-in-law, who tried to break off Wil-
liam Weightman's will, does not get a cent.

Aubrey H. Weightman is the nephew.
The nieces are Mrs. Richard Wain Meiers,
Miss Ethel Weightman, Miss Martha
Rogers Weightman, Mrs. John Straw-
bridge, all of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Na-
thaniel Read Norton, of New York. Each
gets \$100,000. The great-nieces and great-
nephews get \$50,000 each.

Mrs. Penfield is abrupt in her state-
ment. She begins by saying:

"No one has a right to arrange for me
what I shall do with my own. Still less
has any one the right to attempt by
newspaper publications to influence my
actions."

"My father, with his exact knowledge
of the value of money, and of its danger
to the young, made in his lifetime what
he deemed a suitable provision for his
grandchildren by deed of trust. After
his death, I resolved to make a similar
provision. An ill-advised, groundless, and
unsuccessful attack upon his will pre-
vented this, and deprived the intended
beneficiaries of what they might have
enjoyed for the last three years."

"I now intend to carry out my original
plan."

Mrs. Penfield, according to this state-
ment, gives only what had been planned
by her father, and admits she held it back
because of Mrs. Jones Wister's suit. She
still will have \$300,000.

"I did not even know the woman was
being married," said Mrs. Wister to-night.
"That does seem a little to give away."
Really, I have no interest, though. It's
funny to hear you talk of an invitation.
The whole matter is beneath attention."

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